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The Honorable Charles H. Taylor  
Chairman  
Subcommittee on Interior, Environment and Related Agencies  
Committee on Appropriations  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Taylor:

We write to request your support for full funding of the President's budget request to enable the National Park Service to acquire land for the Flight 93 National Memorial in Somerset County, Pennsylvania.

As you are aware, the passengers and crew of Flight 93 fought terrorist hijackers on board the plane to thwart an attack on another important American symbol, which we know have information to believe was the United States Capitol. We support the Bush Administration's request for \$5 million to acquire lands within the authorized boundary of the Memorial. Accordingly, we support the inclusion of \$5 million from the Land and Water Conservation Fund in the Fiscal Year 2007 Interior Appropriations bill.

These public funds are critically needed in light of recent progress to raise the necessary private funding to construct the Memorial and to complete the Park's general management plan in advance of the fifth anniversary of 9/11 later this fall. We are pleased that a fitting Memorial design has been approved and that the Families of Flight 93 and its partners have raised \$7.5 million of the \$30 million in private funds slated for the construction costs. Through the leadership of Gov. Tom Ridge and Gen. Tommy Franks, U.S.A. (ret.), these funds have been raised prior to the beginning of the capital campaign. We also understand that the National Park Service is working to finalize the general management plan for the Memorial this year, a key step in the process.

On behalf of the family members who we represent and the American people who support the ideals of this National Memorial, we would gratefully appreciate your leadership to provide federal funding this year for this critical project honoring the passengers and crew aboard Flight 93 who gave their own lives to defend the lives of countless others.

Sincerely,

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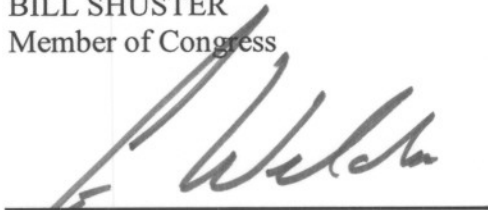
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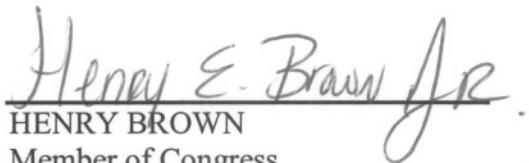
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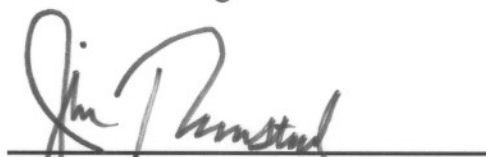
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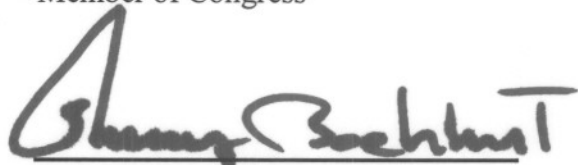
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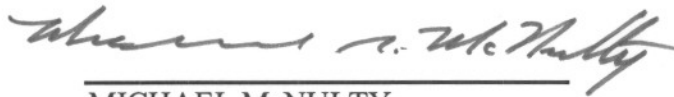
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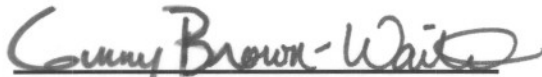
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